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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 (AMENDMENT "E2")

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action of December 14, 2006, and the personal interview with the Examiner conducted on April 18, 2006. The period for a response expired on March 14, 2006. Please extend the time for a response by two months, to May 15, 2006. The Extension of time fee of \$450 is included. This amendment adds 2 additional independent claims and five additional dependent claims, resulting in a claim fee of \$650. An RCE is included with this amendment along with the required fee of \$790. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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